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3RD, FINAL CO-DEFENDANT SENTENCED IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a third Mexican citizen living in Kansas City was sentenced in federal court today for his role in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

Cosme D. Minjarez-Rojas, 32, a Mexican citizen living in the Kansas City area, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On March 4, 2005, **Minjarez-Rojas** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute between 500 grams and 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Aug. 17, 2004.

Minjarez-Rojas is the third co-defendant to be sentenced in this conspiracy.

Genero R. Andrade, 33, a Mexican citizen living in the Kansas City area, was sentenced on May 17, 2005, to 14 years in federal prison without parole. On Feb. 28, 2005, **Andrade** pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute between 500 grams and 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Aug. 17, 2004.

Gabriela Beltran, 28, a Mexican citizen living in the Kansas City area, was sentenced on May 19, 2005, to one year and six months in federal prison without parole. On March 4, 2005, **Beltran** pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine on Aug. 16, 2004.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was investigated by the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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